

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a jar opener which is designed with easy handling for people with arthritis by providing a larger than normal handle with one end being flat and non functional while the opposite end is indented in a concave dish design, with a gripping teeth thereon, so as to accommodate and mate with the ribbed edge of any cap on a jar. A wide gripping strap is provided with the inside being of a rough surface. The rough side of the strap grips and mates with the ribbed texture of any jar cap. One end of the gripping strap is permanently attached to one side of the handle. The gripping strap loosely wraps around the cap of a jar while the opposite end of the strap aligns and tightens onto the opposite side of the handle by a releasable securing means, such as VELCRO. The user then grasps the handle of the present invention in one hand and uses their opposite hand to stabilize the jar. The user simply applies grasping pressure on the handle of the present invention and pushes in a counter clockwise direction thereby loosening the cap while rotating the cap of the jar to the open position. All caps on jars are removed by twisting in a counter clockwise while the tightening is accomplished by twisting in a clockwise direction. This increased size allows a person with arthritic hand and fingers to easily wrap their hand and fingers around the handle thereby creating a better grip so as to easily turn the handle thereby opening the cap of any size jar. The shape of the handle ranges from round to square or hexagon. The more edges the easier it will be to grip the handle. The handle of the present invention is best manufactured by injection molding. Within the molding procedure a recessed area is built into one end and one side which accommodate one end of the gripping strap. A permanent attachment means secures the strap to the handle. The strap may be selected from a rubber, plastic or a nylon material with one side being smooth while the other side has a rough serrated surface so as to be able to mate or grasp the rough outer edge of the cap for the jar. The strap is sufficiently long enough to be wrapped around any size circumference of a cap. The strap must be long enough to wrap around the complete cap of the jar and return to the handle and be secured onto the handle by a releasable securing means. The present invention has a preferred list of component parts and a method of use sequence for removing the cap of any jar.